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THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1944.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report
for 1944.

The health of the district once again
has been very satisfactory during the last year.

The Ministry of Health have submitted
a questionnaire on the water supply. I have included my reply
to them in this report.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.R.F. POPPLEWELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health :- J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
D.R.C.O.G.

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Laboratory Facilities.

Ambulance Facilities.

Nursing in the Home.

Clinics.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The facilities for all the above Services are the same
as in previous years.

Air Raid Precautions.

Arrangements for these ceased during the year.

Hospitals.

The County Hospital at Doddington has given greatly
increased facilities during the year. This includes an
increased number of outpatient clinics, where Specialists from
Addenbrooke's Hospital attend.

Water Supply.

Of a total population of 2,400, approximately 900 live in the built up area of Thorney having a piped supply; the raw water for which is not of good quality, but after treatment, including chlorination, is considered quite satisfactory although slightly unpalatable. The remaining 1,500 of the population rely on rain water collected from the roofs of houses and buildings into cisterns which is liable to contamination and therefore of doubtful quality.

Of the piped supply there is adequate quantity. The water supply to 1500 persons living off the piped supply is very precarious, relying as it does on the rainfall.

In times of drought these residents are allowed to cart water from the Water Works yard. Some 139,000 gallons of water was carted during 1944 for drinking purposes. Water for washing, etc., is obtained from the nearest dyke.

Two bacteriological examinations of the rain water were made during 1944, both of which showed the water to be unsatisfactory. The probable number of coliform bacilli was shown to be 900 per 100 c.c. and 25 per 100 c.c.

A bacteriological report on the treated water stated that the water was very satisfactory.

No chemical analysis was made in 1944.

The water has no plumbo solvent action.

No special action was taken during the year in respect of any form of contamination except observing the outfall of the Peterborough Sewage Works.

Housing.

No new houses were built in 1944.

Infectious Diseases.

There has been very little infectious disease during the past year, as shown in Table "A" annexed.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

34.2% of children under 5 and 79.02% of children between 5 and 15 are immunised. This shows a slight improvement on the previous year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births. Legitimate.	44.	21.	23.
Illegitimate.	6.	2.	4.
Stillbirths.....	1.	1.	-
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	4.	2.	2.
Deaths from Cancer.....	1.	-	1.
Deaths from Tuberculosis...	1.	1.	-.

"A" For the Rural District of Thorney.

DISEASE.	No. of Cases	AGE GROUPS											DEATHS
		Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4.	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15.	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	
Scarlet Fever	1.			1									
Diphtheria.													
Pneumonia.													
Erysipelas.													
Cerebrospinal Fever.													
Enteric Fever.													
Acute Poliomyelitis.													
Chicken Pox.													
Whooping Cough.	9.		1.		2.	1.	5.						
Measles.	8.				1		6.	1.					

